Rail Accidents

3291. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA; Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) what is the number of railway accidents which took plac$_e$ after the 16th February, 1989 so far this year; and

(b) thg loss of life and property as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAV BAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) There were [42] train accidents, including 29 to goods trains, on the Indian Railways during the period 16.2.1989 to 15.3.1989. 31 Persons lost their lives i$_n$ these accidents and damage to railway property was estimated $_a$t Rs. 91 lakh$_s$ approximately.

Coal Jetty at Tuticorin Port

3292. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY; Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANS PORT be pleased to state;

(a) what is th$_e$ capacity of present coal jetty at Tuticorin Port;

(b) whether there is an$_v$ proposal to construct another coal jetty at Tuticori$_n$ Port;

(c) what would be its capacity;

(d) what would be its estimated cost; and

(e) by whe$_n$ H is expected to be commissioned ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT); (a) The designed capacity of the existing coal jetty at Tuticorin Port is 2.25 million tonnes per year (MTPA).

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(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The capacity of the second coal jetty would be 2.5 MTPA.

(d) According to the Feasibility Report prepared by Tuticorin Port Trust in June, 1988 the estimated cost i$_s$ approximately R$_s$. 10 crores.

(e) Th$_e$ Jetty would b$_e$ completed within four year$_s$ from the date of sanction.

Commissioning of Tuticorin Airport

3293. SHRi V. GOPALSAMY; Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM b$_e$ pleased to state:

(a) what is the area of land required for Tuticori$_n$ Airport;

(b) what area of land h$_{as}$ since been acquired and, whether the same ha$_s$ been taken over hy the National Airports Authority of India;

(c) what would be the length of the runway of the Airport and what types of Aircraft would b$_e$ able to land;

(d) whether the night landing facility would b$_e$ made available at the Airport;

(e) what would be the estimated cost of th$_e$ Airport; and

(f) what fund$_s$ hav$_e$ bee$_n$ allotted so far and by when th$_e$ Airport is expected to be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CrVTL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIV-RAJ PATIL); (a) About 180 acres.

(b) 180 acres of land has been handed ove$_r$ to the National Airports Authority.

(c) The dimensions of the runway would be 4500' x 100' and it will be suitable for Avro type of aircraft operation.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) The estimated cost will be Rs. 2.00 crores excluding the cost of development and levelling of land.

(f) A provision of Rs. 50.00 lakhs has been made in the Annual Plan 1989-90. Construction is planned to be completed in 12 months after the land is developed and levelled.

Bullets found in Indian Airiines Airbus

3294. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIA TION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that six .22 calibre bullets were found on a seat of Indian Airlines Airbus at Bombay Airport when it arrived from Delhi o$_n$ January 21, 1989; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken for the security lapse in this case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURTSM (SHRI SHIV-RAJ PATIL); (a) Seven .22 calibre cartridges were found on a seat of Air-bu$_s$ aircraft operating flight IC-184 fro$_m$ Delhi to Bombay on 21st January, 1989.

(b) The Bombay Police have registered a case under the Arm$_s$ Act.

New IA Flights from Calcutta to Bombay and BangaIor

3295. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPA-TRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURTSM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Airlines pro pose to introduce new flights from Calcutta to Bombay *via* Bhubaneswar and Nagpur and Calcutta to Bangalore *via* Bhubaneswar and Hyderabad;

(b) if so, by when these flights are likely to be introduced; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIV-RAJ PATIL). (a) to (c) Indian Airlines, at present, has$_s$ no plans to introduce any new services due to severe capacity constraints, introduction of services between Bhubanes-war-Bangalore and Bhubaneswar-Bombay will depend upon the induction of new aircraft into the fleet of Indian Airlines and adequate traffic potential existing on these sectors.

Pantry Car in Long Distance Trains

32961. SHRI N. RAJANGAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have suffered any losses for providing pantry cars containing 75 berths in long distance trains;

(b) if so, what is the total loss incurred for each pantry car in comparison to providing a sleeper coach;

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(c) what are the reason$_s$ for incur ring such heavy losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Pantry cars are attached to certain trains for providing better catering services as a passenger amenity, and not on financial consideration.

(b) and (C) Do not arise.

Selection for the Posts of Assistant Superintendent In South Central Railway

3297. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHA-KRISHNA:

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstar red Question 1566 given in the Rajya